



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8313**  
Takashige HIRATSUKA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2004\_0471A  
Serial No. 10/809,486 : Group Art Unit 2627  
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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.